

HA-409

William F. Bayless House
3700 Blk. Harmony Church Road
Darlington vicinity
Private

1844

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC William F. Bayless House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3700 blk. Harmony Church Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

not applicable

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ronald L. Spangler

Telephone #: 734-7274

STREET & NUMBER

108 Industry Lane

CITY, TOWN

Forest Hill

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21050

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 1120

Folio #: 126

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

c.1970

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

NR-105

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The William F. Bayless House is a two story stone house with stone and frame wings located about 1/4 mile southwest of Deer Creek Harmony Church (HA-165) near the intersection of Harmony Church Road and Darlington Road (Md Rt. 161). The house dates from the second quarter of the 19th century and the main section faces south.

The main section of the Bayless House is a two-story gable-roofed rubble-stone structure with a three-bay main elevation facing south. The entrance is in the west bay and has a simple frame with a rectangular transom. Two slate-sided dormers with gable roofs project from the slate roof on this elevation. The main section has a four-bay west elevation with the present main entrance in the north inner bay. This entrance has a small shed entry porch. The windows in the main section are six over six sash and most windows have louvered shutters. A datestone inscribed "1844" is located in the east gable.

Extending north from the main section is a two story stone wing, containing an interior end chimney on the north. This may be the oldest section of the house, following the common custom of building a small house and adding a larger and finer main section at a later time. The wing has a door in the two bay east elevation.

Adjoining the main section on the east is a smaller two-story frame wing with a shed porch on the south elevation.

The ruins of a small building, probably a tenant house, are located about 40 yards southeast of the Bayless House. All that is visible are a stone chimney stack and some stone debris. A barbed wire fence prevented closer observation.

The grounds adjacent to the Bayless House are landscaped and terraced with stone walls and steps. Although somewhat overgrown, the plan of a mid-20th century formal garden is evident.

About 50 yards west of the house is the main barn, a frame bank type with board and batten siding and a stone foundation. The metal roof appears to be a recent replacement. A small cupola tops the ridgeline.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY: local history	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1844 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The Bayless family obtained title to this tract in the first decade of the 19th century. Some type of house was undoubtedly built here during those first years, possibly on the site of the ruins near the present house or the section which is now north wing of the house. Rev. Samuel Bayless, the pastor of Deer Creek Harmony Church in 1870, was born May 5, 1810, "at the homestead near the church", according to the 1937 Centennial history of the church. On both the 1858 and 1878 maps of Harford County, two structures are shown on the site. In each case, the second house is occupied by a "Miss Bayless."

In the 1930's and 40's the farm was owned by Anna Merven Carrere, the daughter of John Carrere, the prominent New York architect.

NOTE: Original survey numbers HA-409 and 410 (Barn) are consolidated in this form.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deer Creek Harmony Presbyterian Church Centennial Celebration, 1937.
 (Harford County Library, Bel Air Branch)
 Jennings and Herrick, Map of Harford County, 1858.
 Martenet, Simon, Map of Harford County, 1878.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Dept. of Planning and Zoning

DATE

November 1982

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

(301) 838-6000 ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD 21014

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

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William F. Bayless House

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS:

8. SIGNIFICANCE

(Further information on the Bayless House and family was discovered in the course of research in 1983 for the neighboring Silver Houses Historic District.)

Land tracts reproduced in B. S. Silver's genealogy Our Silver Heritage indicatd that Benjamin Bayless and Samuel Bayless Jr. owned properties in the area of the present Harmony Church as early as 1770. These holdings may have included the site of the existing Bayless House.

The History of Deer Creek Harmony Presbyterian Church 1837-1972 states that Benjamin Silver, Jr. deeded to the trustees of the church the half-acre lot where the first church was erected. In 1871, Benjamin Silver's heirs and Benjamin Silver, Jr. deeded additional land adjoining the original lot for the erection of the present church.

Zephaniah Bayless, the father of William F., was also one of the organizers of Harmony Church and served along with his son on the building committee for the first church. Another son of Zephaniah was Samuel M. Bayless, who was the minister of Harmony Church from 1865 to 1873. The present church was erected during his pastorate. Samuel and William were born "at the old homestead near the church" in 1810 and 1814, respectively. The two brothers died in 1873.

The ruins near the 1844 stone house mentioned in Section 7 are probably those of the "homestead" of the Bayless family. Both the 1858 and 1878 maps of Harford County indicate the older house was still standing and occupied through the end of the 19th century.

Janet Davis
May 1984

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21404NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: Kennedy - Carriere - Bayless house	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: South side of Harmony Church Road about 0.1 mi			
CITY OR TOWN: Darlington west of Darlington Road			
STATE: Maryland	CODE:	COUNTY: Harford	CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION		CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes:				
Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Bath	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)									
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Comments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Educational	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religious	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Museum	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/>				

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: Col. & Mrs Grafton Kennedy			
STREET AND NUMBER: Harmony Church			
CITY OR TOWN: Darlington	STATE: MD	CODE:	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT			
STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.			
CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR	STATE: MARYLAND	CODE:	
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:			

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Good</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One) <u>Unaltered</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ^{med kit} Altered <input type="checkbox"/> ^{bat} Moved <input type="checkbox"/> (Check One) <u>Original Site</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Stone house, 2 stories, facing south, 3 bays by 4 with a wing running north along the west wall 3 bays x 2. A roof, slate, has 2 stone chimneys at each end of the main house. brick in the wing interior. Windows are 6 over 6 thruout.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐

16th Century ☐

18th Century ☐

20th Century ☐

15th Century ☐

17th Century ☐

19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐

Education ☐

Political ☐

Urban Planning ☐

Prehistoric ☐

Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐

Historic ☐

Industry ☐

losaphy ☐

Agriculture ☐

Invention ☐

Science ☐

Art ☐

Landscape ☐

Sculpture ☐

Commerce ☐

Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐

Literature ☐

itarion ☒

Conservation ☐

Military ☐

Theater ☐

Music ☐

Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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Pleasantly landscaped, this farm house
is an indication of the prosperity of
farming in this area in the 1800's.

Country estate of a wealthy architect's
daughter in the 30's & early 40's, who
farmed the land with loving care,
it is now abandoned as a farm
and the house left alone at least
5 months out of the year in preference
for Massachusetts.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: JEAN S. EWING	
ORGANIZATION: MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	DATE:
STREET AND NUMBER: 50 STATE CIRCLE	
CITY OR TOWN: ANNAPOLIS	STATE: MARYLAND
	CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

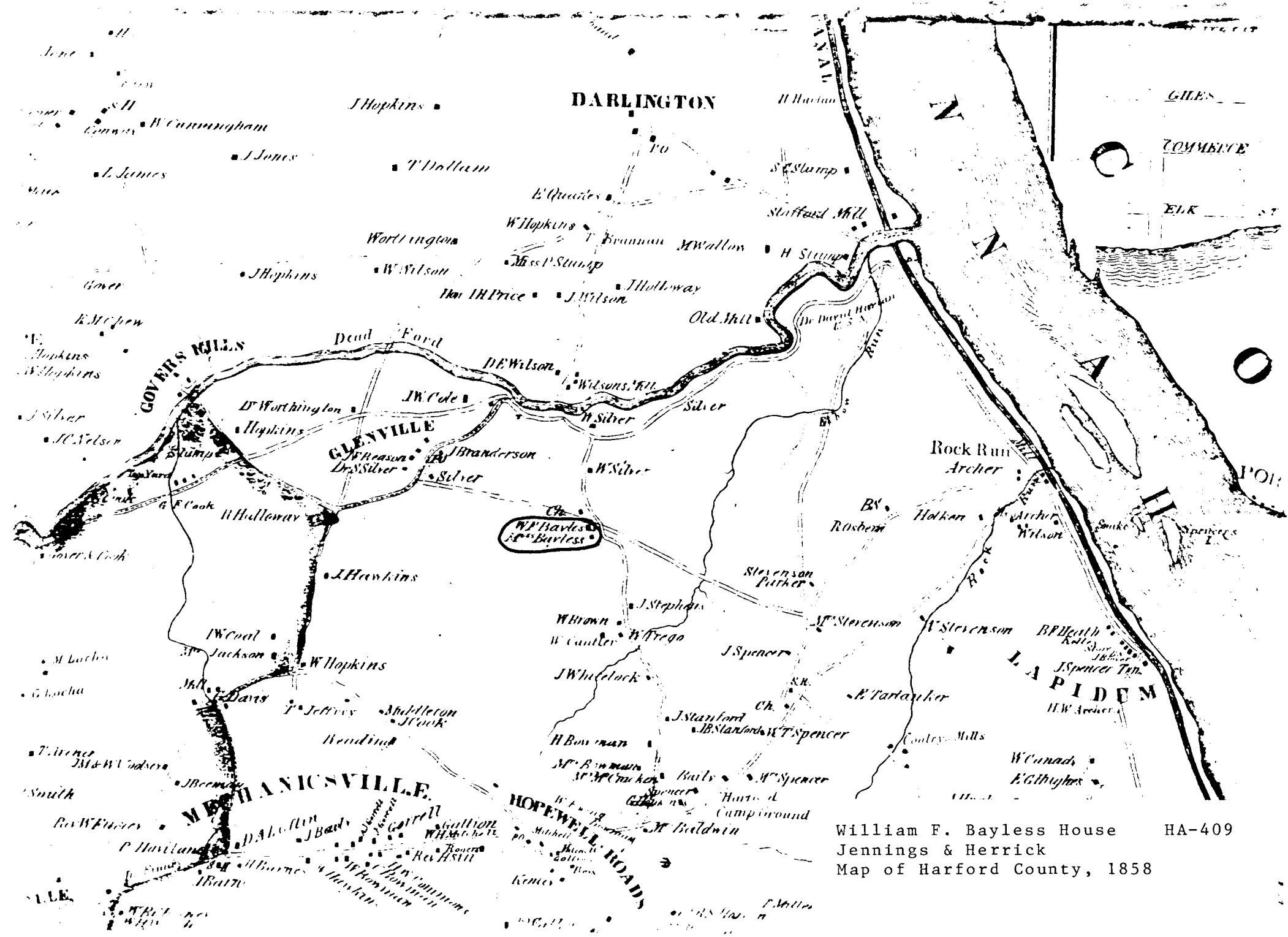
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ATTEST:

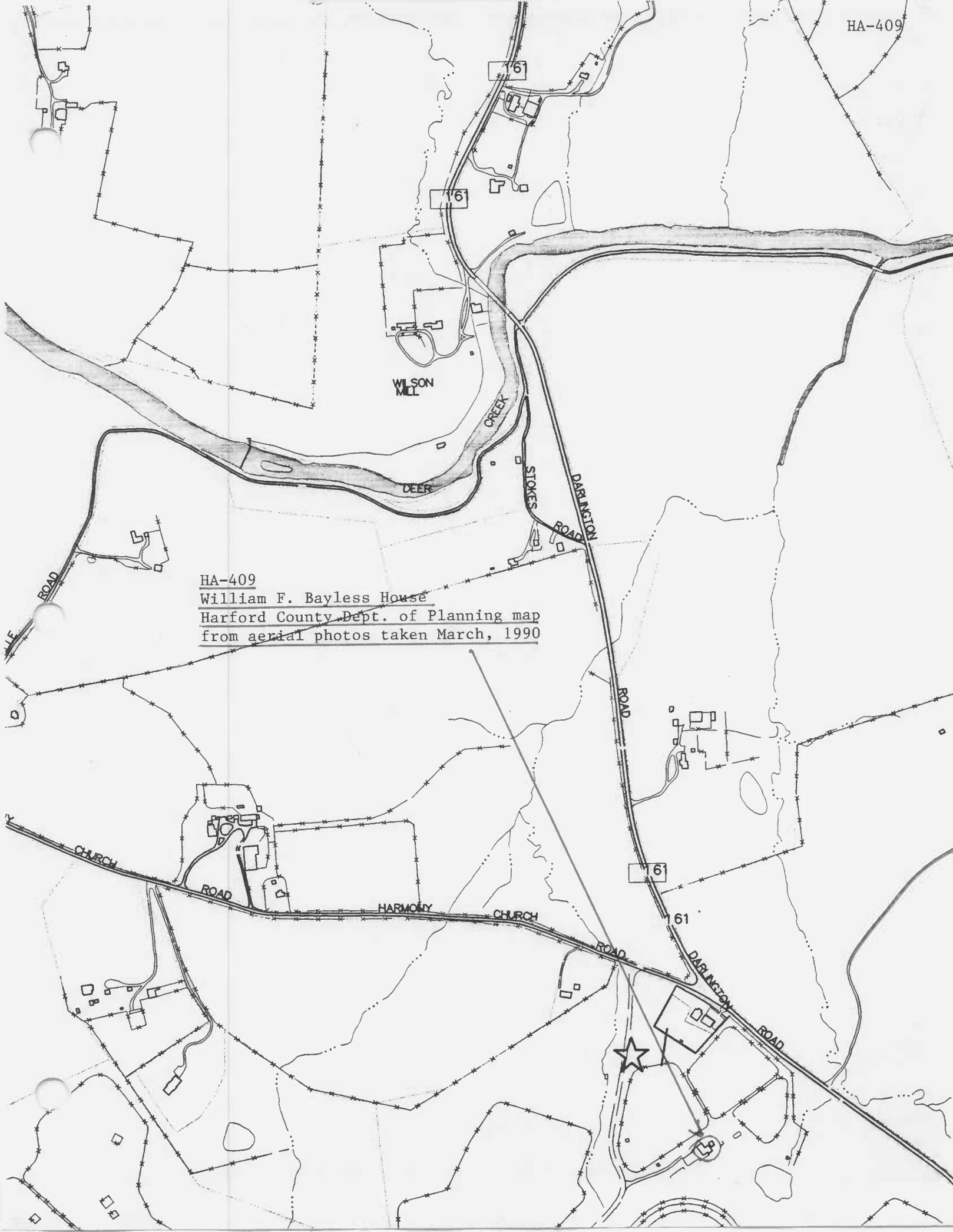
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

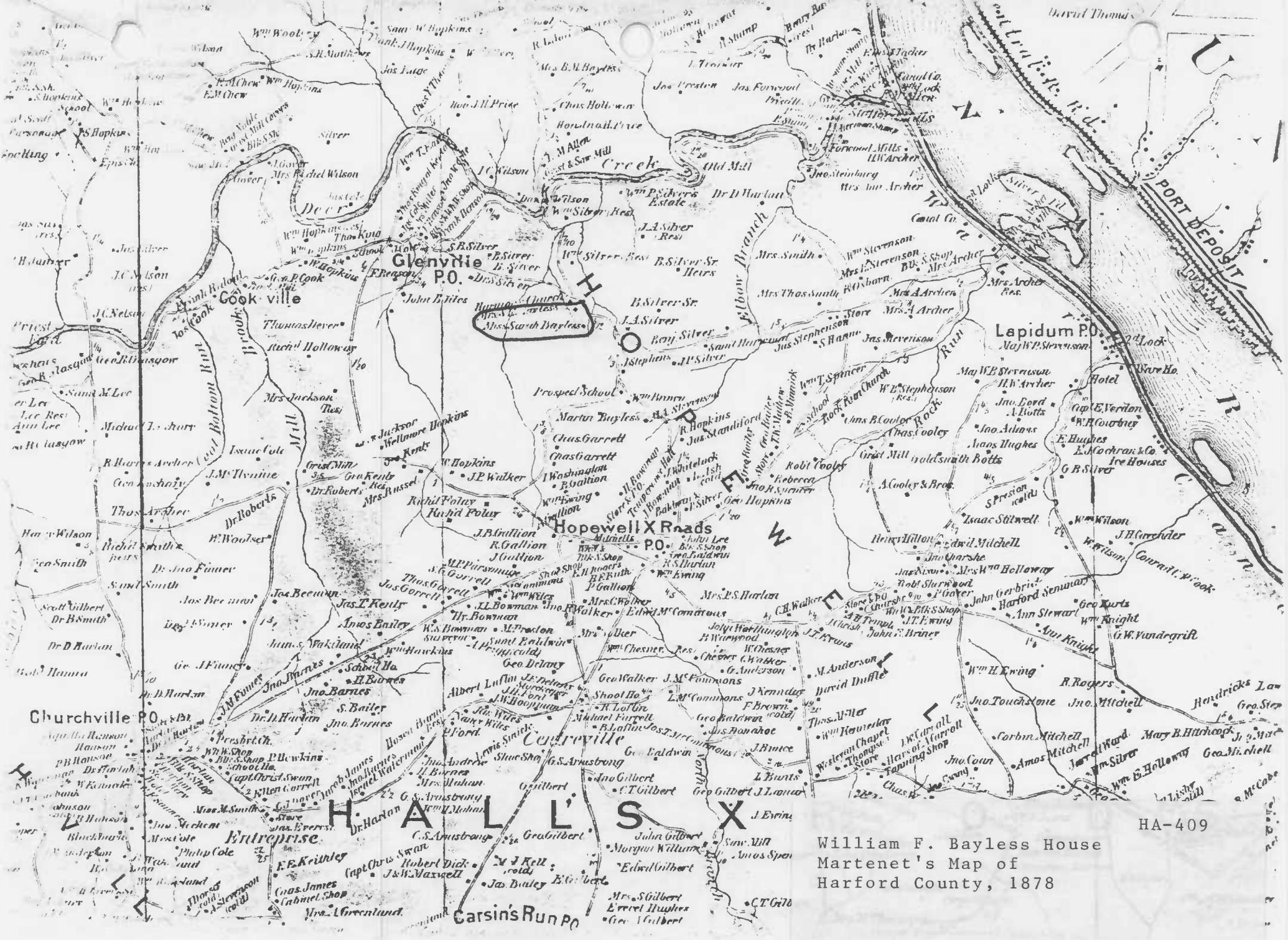
SEE INSTRUCTIONS



William F. Bayless House HA-409
Jennings & Herrick
Map of Harford County, 1858



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William F. Bayless House
Harford County, Dept. of Planning map
from aerial photos taken March, 1990

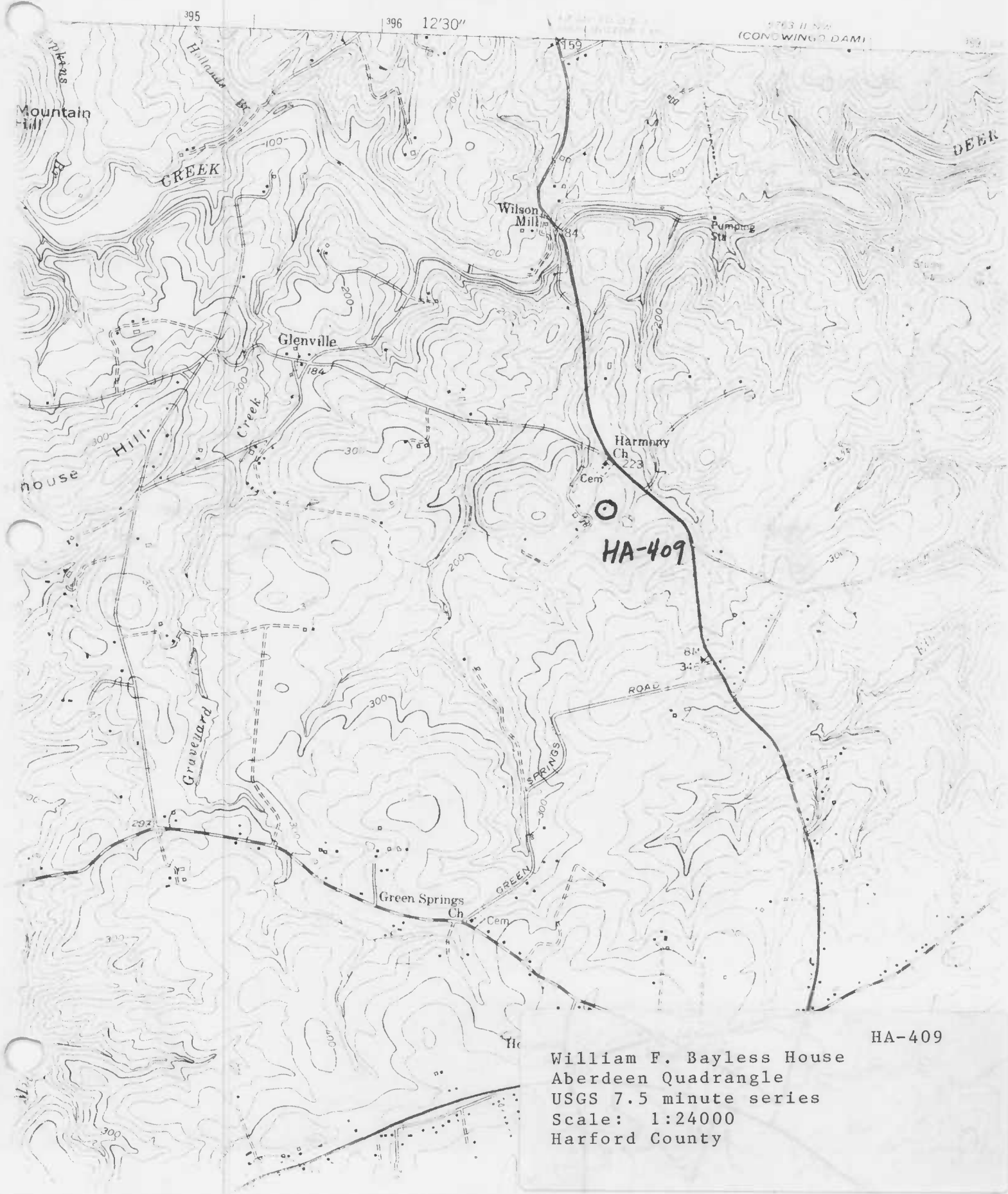


William F. Bayless House
Martinet's Map of
Harford County, 1878

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William F. Bayless House
Aberdeen Quadrangle
USGS 7.5 minute series
Scale: 1:24000
Harford County



William F. Bayless House HA-409
Harford County
Photo: Janet Davis
November 1982
South elevation



William F. Bayless House

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West Elevation